

## **Proclamation**

- **WHEREAS,** Ankeny has been one of 22 communities nationally to receive the Playful City USA designation the past three years; and
- WHEREAS, Ankeny has been consistently recognized by KaBoom! for our commitment to park and facility development, citizen engagement, and support of play related initiatives; and
- **WHEREAS,** Ankeny was the only Iowa community in 2009 to be recognized as a "Playful City USA"; and
- WHEREAS, Ankeny is vying for "Playful City USA" status for the fourth consecutive year; and
- WHEREAS, Due to our citizen engagement efforts and public-private partnership development, Ankeny was featured as one of 12 communities nationally in the "Play Matters" report and was profiled in the League of Cities Magazine for its proactive park and recreation development; and
- **WHEREAS,** Ankeny will celebrate its status as a Playful City on Wednesday July 7 with our third annual "All-City Play Day".

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Steven D. Van Oort, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim that the City of Ankeny does hereby recognize the commitment to parks and recreation within the community and supports Ankeny's designation as a 2010 "Playful City USA" community. Furthermore, I encourage all citizens to come out for a fun night of games and activities at Hawkeye and Wagner Parks during Ankeny's "All-City Play Day" on July 7.

DATED AND SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF JUNE, 2010.

Steven D. Van Oort, Mayor

**ATTEST:** 

Pamela DeMouth, City Clerk